

Appl. No. : 09/874,563


REMARKS

In the Office Action dated March 22, 2004, claims 8, 9, 11, 15-18, 22-28 and 31-35 were indicated as rejected, claims 19-21, 29 and 30 were objected to, and claims 1-7, 9-14 and 36-38 were indicated as being allowable. Claims 8, 19, 21-24, 29, and 31-35 have been canceled without prejudice. Accordingly, claims 1-7, 9-18, 20, 25-28, 30, and 36-44 remain pending for examination.

The claim amendments reflected above have been made to increase claim readability, to improve grammar, and to reduce the time and effort required of those in the art to clearly understand the scope of the claim language. Such claim amendments have not been made for the purpose of overcoming a prior art reference and such amendments do not narrow the scope of the claims. In light of the above supplemental amendments and remarks, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection is requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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